

## IN THE CLAIMS

The following is a complete listing of the claims, and replaces all earlier versions and listings.

1. (Currently Amended) A topical composition for the treatment of acne caused by *Propionibacterium acnes*, comprising an active ingredient in an amount sufficient to inhibit the growth of *Propionibacterium acnes* and, optionally, at least one inactive ingredient, wherein the active ingredient comprises grape seed extract.

2. - 3. (Cancelled)

4. (Currently Amended) The composition according to claim 1, wherein the inactive ingredient comprises a carrier, selected from the group consisting of water soluble carriers, petroleum derived carriers, ~~fatty acid derived or modified carriers~~, surfactants, thickening agents, carbomers, polyacrylates, and silicas.

5. - 7. (Cancelled)

8. (Currently Amended) A method of treating acne, comprising obtaining a topical composition comprising an active ingredient in an amount sufficient to inhibit the growth of *Propionibacterium acnes* and, optionally, at least one inactive ingredient, and topically applying the composition to skin of a patient in need of treatment for acne caused by *Propionibacterium acnes*, wherein the active ingredient comprises grape seed extract.

9. (Cancelled)

10. (Currently Amended) The method according to claim 8, wherein the inactive ingredient comprises a carrier, selected from the group consisting of water soluble carriers, petroleum derived carriers, ~~fatty acid derived or modified carriers~~, surfactants, thickening agents, carbomers, polyacrylates, and silicas.

11. (Cancelled)

12. (Original) The method according to claim 8, further comprising applying the composition from 1 to about 3 times a day.

13. - 14. (Cancelled)

15. (Currently Amended) A method for treating acne, comprising topically applying an active ingredient in an amount sufficient to inhibit the growth of *Propionibacterium acnes* to the skin of a patient in need of treatment for acne caused by *Propionibacterium acnes*, wherein the active ingredient comprises grape seed extract.

16. - 18. (Cancelled)

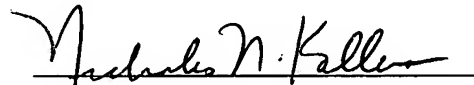
19. (Original) The method according to claim 15, further comprising applying the composition from 1 to about 3 times a day.

CONCLUSION

Applicants again respectfully request favorable reconsideration and early passage to issue of the current application.

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